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SEVEN MEETING OF JANUARY 23

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1. MTN DEL IN JANUARY 23 SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING ON

BRASILIAN PROPOSAL ON GATT REFORM, SHOULD FOLLOW THE APPROACH DISCUSSED BELOW. AS APPROPRIATE, DEL MAY SEEK TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH BRASILIAN AND OTHER DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO MEETING. ISSUE WILL BE RAISED IN OUR BILATERALS WITH THE EC ON JANUARY 22.

2. CONSIDERED REVIEW OF THE BRASILIAN PROPOSAL ON GATT REFORM WILL REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF EXACTLY WHAT THE BRASILIAN HAVE IN MIND. WHAT DO THEY EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH, HOW AND WHEN? THE DELEGATION MIGHT DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO LOCK THE BRASILIAN INTO ANY SPECIFIC POSITIONS AT THIS TIME.

USE OF ANY QUESTIONS IN SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING SHOULD BE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND.

(A) TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD THE WORK OF THE GROUP DUPLICATE WORK GOING ON IN THE EXISTING NEGOTIATING GROUPS? FOR EXAMPLE, THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS BEING HANDLED IN SEVERAL NEGOTIATING CONTEXTS. WOULD SUCH ISSUES BE REMOVED FROM NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY AND TRANSFERRED TO THE REFORM GROUP? IF NOT, HOW WOULD GENERAL RULES ON SPECIAL TREATMENT BE DEVELOPED AT THE SAME TIME AS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ARE UNDER NEGOTIATION IN THE NTB CODES?

(B) WHAT WOULD BE THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP? WOULD NON-GATT MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE GATT REFORM GROUP? IF SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION (I.E., WOULD THERE BE ANY COMMITMENT THAT SUCH COUNTRIES BECOME CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE GATT?)

(C) WOULD THE GROUP SEEK TO AMEND THE GATT DIRECTLY? IF SO, HOW? UNDER EXISTING GATT RULES ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE GATT WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY VOTE
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OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. WOULD THE GROUP PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GATT FOR APPROVAL BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES?

(D) IS A SEPARATE GROUP IN THE MTN THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY OF HANDLING GATT REFORM? COULD THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18 MORE APPROPRIATELY REVIEW GATT REFORM QUESTIONS?

(E) HOW WOULD GROUP FIT IN WITH WORK IN OTHER FORA?
HOW DOES IT FIT IN WITH BRASILIAN PROPOSAL ON TRADE
PRESENTED AT THE UN?

(F) WOULD GROUP FOCUS ON PROCEDURES, SUBSTANCE OR
BOTH?

(G) WHAT SUBJECTS WOULD THE GROUP CONSIDER? COULD
THE US AND OTHER DELEGATIONS SUBMIT REFORM ISSUES OF
INTEREST TO THEM? HOW COULD THE WORKLOAD BE KEPT
MANAGEABLE?

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3. REVIEW OF PART IV OF THE GATT IS ON THE AGENDA FOR
THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
CONSULTATIVE GROUP EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD MAY

ENCOMPASS MANY OF THE CONCERNS BEHIND THE BRASILIAN
PROPOSAL, AND THAT GENERAL QUESTIONS OF GATT REFORM
MIGHT BE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED BY THE CONSULTATIVE
GROUP.

4. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS THE US DEL MAY HAVE WITH OTHER
REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO THE SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MEETING
THE POSSIBILITY OF REFERRAL OF THE BRASILIAN PROPOSAL
TO THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP COULD BE RAISED.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
ESTABLISHMENT, AT PRESENT, IN THE MTN OF A GATT REFORM
GROUP WOULD SERVE US OBJECTIVES. THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL
LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH A GROUP WOULD ONLY PROMOTE DC/LDC
CONFRONTATION. ACCORDINGLY, ANY DECISION AT THE SEVEN
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SUCH A GROUP SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

6. PLEASE REPORT THINKING OF OTHER DELEGATIONS AND THE
REACTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES APPROACH. SISCO

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